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Family pays tribute after fatal road crash

A FAMILY have paid tribute to a Leigh man who was a passenger in silver BMW coupe that collided with a telegraph pole.

Oliver King, 22, suffered fatal injuries following the crash on Hockley Road, Rayleigh, during the early hours of Sunday, January 25.

Oliver's mother Jackie said: "He used to protect me all the time and I will miss that. "He was a very handsome man but he was my baby first. He was a beautiful person with a very witty and great sense of humour."

Oliver was born in Rochford Hospital and was a pupil at Westleigh School, in Leigh, and King John senior school, in Benfleet.

He studied IT at South East College and was accepted into university at Anglia Ruskin, where he also studied IT.

He completed a year of the course before taking a temporary job working in construction with Hilton Homes, in Rayleigh.

A statement from his family told how much he enjoyed his job.

He also liked working out in the gym.

The statement read: "Apart from the gym he loved spending time with his family as he was very family orientated.

"He was very protective of his mum. He was an only child and he adored his mum and dad.

"When he was young he loved playing rugby and played for Westcliff and then went on to play for Southend rugby club."

Oliver was passionate about cars, and had been on 'car experiences' where he drove an Aston Martin, Ferrari and a Jensen.

The statement continued: "His main goal in life was to be well off so that he could buy a big house and look after his mum.

"He had lots of friends and went socialising in Rayleigh and Leigh.

"He loved children and his cats Arnie and Brucey, and he loved life."

His mum added: "He had a big heart for everyone and I shall miss him so much.

"The whole family adored him and he will be greatly missed.

"He was taken too soon, I have a broken heart that I will have to live with for the rest of my days."

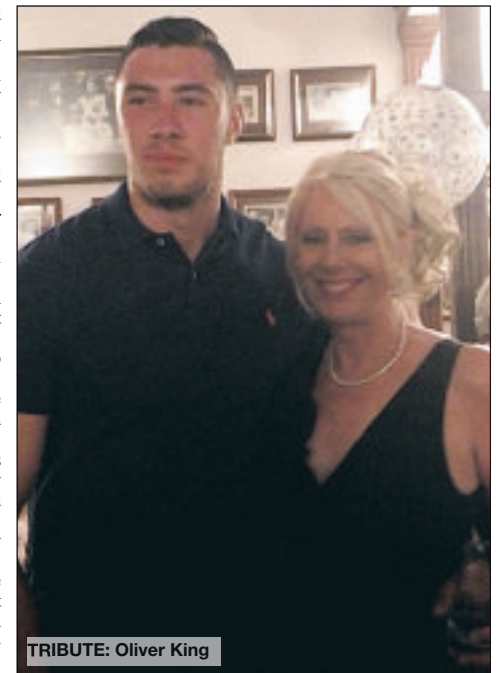
● POLICE have appealed for witnesses to the collision.

Two girls, aged 17 and 18 from the Hockley were also taken to hospital and treated for minor injuries.

A 31 year old man from Rochford was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, but was later released without charge on police bail until May 21.

The vehicle was heading towards Hockley from Rayleigh when the collision happened.

Anyone that saw the vehicle before the collision or the incident itself should contact officers at the Serious Collision Investigation unit on 101 or email collision-appeal@essex.pnn.police.uk



TRIBUTE: Oliver King

CASH BOOST

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7,000 JOBS

A £3.2m funding boost from central Government to generate 7,000 jobs around the Southend Airport area has been agreed by central Government.

Both Southend Council and Rochford Council adopted the London Environs Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) in December 2014.

Leader of Southend Council Ron Woodley, welcomed the funding announcement.

Mr Woodley said: "Our ambitious plans with Rochford to generate thousands of new jobs in attractive, modern business parks in the area around Southend Airport are cru-

cial to the area's future prosperity.

"We're delighted that Government has now agreed contribute £3.2m towards this project, which will allow us to progress our plans further and help fund the major investment in highways and infrastructure that will be needed to make the business parks a reality.

"We have a strong track record for working with both public and private sector partners to deliver major developments - not least of which was enabling Southend Airport to transform from an airstrip for light aircraft into an international airport with direct rail

links to the capital and passenger numbers now topping a million.

"We now look forward to working with Rochford and the private sector to build upon this record."

Deputy leader of Rochford Council and joint chairman of the JAAP committee, Keith Hudson said he was pleased with the funding. Mr Hudson said: "This clearly demonstrates their recognition of its importance to our local economy.

"The Joint Area Action Plan for the airport and surrounding area will facilitate employment opportunities for local people, with 7,000 jobs to be created, and include many oppor-

tunities for apprenticeships.

"We now need to press ahead with these improvements, which will provide long term economic growth and prosperity in our district."

In November last year, Southend Council announced it had selected Henry Boot Developments Ltd, as its preferred development partner.

The authority will now work with the company to refine the master-plan for the area, with the intention of submitting an outline planning application to Rochford Council this spring.

Subject to necessary approvals, construction work could start in 2016.

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'Affordable housing' being finalised



NEW HOUSE: Councillor David Norman outside the new council house in Southend

Photo by Martin Dalton

A NEW house which is ready for tenants is the first one to be built by Southend Council since 1989.

Construction has been completed on the three bedroom, two-storey property with off-street parking behind 159 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend.

The property has been built to Homes and Communities Agency space standards, and to Lifetimes

Homes specification.

The property in Byron Avenue, Southend, was officially opened by Southend Mayor, Chris Walker, on Wednesday, January 28.

It is hoped the council will now build more homes on land it has deemed suitable for development in Shoebury.

The properties will be classed as affordable housing and are in the

process of being finalised.

Councillor for adult social care, health and housing, David Norman said the authority was pleased to see the project completed and ready for its first tenants.

Mr Norman said: "It is the result of a review of council-owned land in the borough, as part of our commitment to provide affordable homes for residents. We have used this as a pilot

scheme so we hope it will be the first of many. We very much need to increase the borough's stock of affordable housing.

"We are intending to start building more homes on council land in Shoebury later this year.

"In addition we are now actively considering further sites for the building of council homes elsewhere in the borough."

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● **SOUTHEND** lifeboat station was the busiest in the county last year. Crews launched 116 times and rescued 104 people, making it the third busiest coastal station in the country in 2014.

Gareth Morrison, RNLI life-saving delivery manager, said volunteers have had a busy 12 months.

Mr Morrison said: "Last year was the warmest year on record for the UK, but conversely the winter storms of January brought damaging winds and inland and coastal flooding."

● **ARTS** organisation Pinpoint Create is looking for help from people to record stories of the First World War.

Members would love to hear stories that have been passed down over time. Postcards will be available for people to record these on at Southend Museum and the Beecroft Gallery.

On Saturday, February 14, Christopher Langley, Southend Museum's roll of honour outreach officer, will be on hand to record anyone's stories.

● **PINPOINT** Create will be performing a drama recalling the horrors of the Great War.

Southend WW1 Remember Us is a free show and will be held at the Beecroft Gallery, Victoria Avenue, on Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15, at noon and 2.30pm.

The show is suitable for all ages but booking is essential as the venue has a limited capacity. To book tickets visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Southend Remember Us.

● **SOUTHEND** Libraries is looking for volunteers aged 14 and above to help children keep reading in the summer during the Summer Reading Challenge.

Volunteers should be able to commit a minimum of 15 hours from Saturday, July 18, to Saturday, August 29.

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HEALTH: Turning Tides team who knocked on doors in Westcliff

Volunteers promote healthy living

VOLUNTEERS from the Turning Tides project have visited more than 2,000 households in Westcliff as part of a campaign to reduce pressure on the borough's health services.

The project funded by NHS Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) aims to give residents information about local community services, GPs and pharmacists and alternatives to the hospital's A&E department.

Health questionnaires were completed by 350 households

showing a quarter were not aware of the NHS 111 line.

Melanie Craig, acting accountable officer at NHS Southend CCG said the body had been working hard to raise awareness of the alternatives to A&E.

She said: "There is still work to do and the team at the CCG will continue to promote this campaign."

The Turning Tides project is one of more than 20 funded projects by the NHS Southend CCG to help health systems in

the borough cope with increased demand over the winter.

Team manager Anthony Quinn said: "We've knocked on thousands of doors and have been able to explain to residents, face to face, the health services available in their own area which can help them if they fall ill over the winter."

"Residents in Westcliff have been extremely positive on the door step, and we are now starting the second phase of the project in Chalkwell."

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Hospital bosses get back to basics

BACK TO THE FLOOR: Neil Rothnie with portering supervisor Adam Morden

EXECUTIVES at Southend Hospital will be getting back to the basics on wards alongside front line staff.

Each fortnight every member of the executive team will spend two hours working with staff to see how the work links into the trust's values – everybody matters, everything counts, everyone's responsible.

First out of the blocks has been the medical director, Neil Rothnie, who spent a couple of hours working with porters, who help the smooth running of parts of the hospital.

Neil worked as a hospital porter 40 years ago and was keen to get stuck in and get hands-on experience of a modern porter's role.

Changing into a polo shirt, he helped move some desks in the surgical department, transfer a patient from cardiac day stay to a ward, as well as learning the ropes about the diverse range of jobs and challenges porters face.

Mr Rothnie said the porter's work was essential to help the hospital run smoothly.

He said: "It was great for me to see

how the team works and to recognise the pressures that they are under.

"They are intrinsic to our success, but their contribution frequently goes unrecognised."

During the exercise Neil discovered that putting on the polo shirt created a sense of anonymity often passing colleagues in the corridor who no longer recognised him.

A lesson from the task was all staff needed to develop a mutual understanding and to recognise contributions made by others and the pressures they face.



CARE: Wendy Warner, lead nurse palliative care, in the reception of the education centre

Palliative care training given to medical staff

SOUTHEND Hospital has launched a scheme to support frontline staff who work with patients who only have a year left to live.

The Gold Standards Framework will see staff taking part in improvement training programmes.

The project is being managed by four wards, Windsor, Rochford, Estuary and Benfleet and aims to be completed by 2016 with plans for it to be extended to the whole hospital.

It will focus on identifying people who are reaching the last year of life and support them with

Advance Care Planning.

This includes identifying treatment, care wishes, and helping people to consider making plans for their future.

This will improve the choice and experience for patients and their families and improve care.

Wendy Warner, palliative care lead nurse said the hospital saw end of life care as a core role for patients.

She said: "By identifying people entering the last year of life, we can work alongside patients and their families helping them to make decisions and plans for their end of life care."

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Dangerous Poetry event to kick-start UK tour

DANGEROUS POETRY: StanBlade who will be performing at Dangerous Poetry and will also be launching a crowd funding campaign

THE ninth instalment of Dangerous Poetry at O'Neill's Pub, will raise money to fund a local musicians UK tour.

This Thursday, February 5, will see the popular poetry and spoken word event raising money for performer StanBlade who is embarking on a tour this year and creating an EP.

The free event that sees all forms of poetry and spoken word performed will also kick start a crowd funding campaign for the artist.

The singer-songwriter explained he started to play guitar after he was

thrown out of high schools and ended up in a school for children with behavioural problems.

He said: "One of the teachers started to teach me to play guitar and it really helped me calm down."

It was when he moved to Newquay after a relationship with a girlfriend broke down he started to write his urban folk songs.

So far he has had success gigging around Southend and in the London areas.

The Wickford-based musician also rehearsed for a major record compa-

ny but refused to change his style so passed up the opportunity to sign to the label.

The 31 year old also recently missed out on a gig in New York because he could not afford the air fare.

He said: "I was looking at a gig in New York that put on urban folk acts.

"I sent them some of my songs and they actually got back to me and said if I could get there I could have a slot. It's a shame I couldn't afford it, but the idea now is to start doing a UK tour and expand from there.

"I basically need to raise £2,000 for the tour to finance it.

"I'm going to book venues, do open mic nights and busk as well, just fit as much in as possible."

Part of raising money will also be a crowd funded project which will launch on Thursday, February 5.

To find out more information about the crowd funding side visit his Facebook page Wezzy StanBlade EsSex.

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YMCA youngsters find their voices at the opera in France



MUSIC: Serena Wright and MEP Richard Howitt at the YMCA Southend
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A CULTURAL programme has seen four young people from Southend YMCA travel to Amiens in northern France to sing opera with the renowned Orchestra de Picardie.

The selected youngsters took the parts of four gossips in Benjamin Britten's opera Noah's Flood (Noye's Fludde) and played to a large audience in France.

The £4million ACT (A Common Territory) project is an innovative cross-border collaboration between leading arts and education partners from France and England and is funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

Richard Howitt, Essex Labour MEP, met the youngsters last Friday on their return to find out how they got on.

He said: "The project gives a great boost to these four young people, auditioned and selected to take part, and all of whom want to follow an arts career."

"Southend YMCA is to be congratulated on being accepted into this project that is financed over three years as one of just 13 partner organisations from England and northern France."

"The project offers students a whole world of opportunities, with not just masterclasses from lead partner Orchestre de Picardie but also exchange visits and multi-disciplinary performances."

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● **POLICE** are appealing for help in tracing a man they want to speak to in connection with the theft of two bottles of champagne from the Co-op in London Road, Leigh.

The bottles were stolen just before 1pm on Sunday, January 4.

Anyone with any information should contact PC Deborah Martin at Leigh on 101.

● **CHILDREN** can work towards an art award at Essex Police Museum in February and March.

Every Saturday the museum will run an art club to give children, aged eight to 14, the chance to work with police artists.

Each week the young people will discover the art of fingerprints, photography, plaster of Paris, crime portraits and TV and film.

The course is £30 per child and includes all materials.

For more information and to book contact curator Becky Wash on 01245 457150 or email museum@essex.pnn.police.uk.

● **POLICE** want to trace a woman in connection with the theft of an iPhone in Leigh.

At around noon on Thursday, December 31, the white iPhone 4S in a pink case was dropped on the forecourt of the Kent Elms Service Station, in Arterial Road. Anyone with information should call Southend police on 101.

Shops axe high-strength booze to cut drink crime

SHOPS across Southend are being asked to sign up to support a new scheme to reduce alcohol-related crime and ill-health in the borough.

Southend Council and Essex Police are asking retailers who sell alcohol to voluntarily stop stocking cheap, high-strength beers and ciders to reduce the availability of drinks that cause a range of health issues, anti-social behaviour and crime.

The scheme is one of many volun-

tary schemes across the country.

Two shops have already signed up to the scheme and have stopped selling beers and ciders of more than six per cent alcohol by volume.

Businesses that sign up will be able to display a Reducing the Strength window sticker.

The scheme is part of the Southend Public Health Responsibility Deal, in which organisations pledge to take action to improve the health and well-

being of staff and customers.

Councillor for community development, Ian Gilbert, said: "Alcohol plays a big part in ill-health, anti-social behaviour and crime in Southend. We are working with the other agencies to reduce the availability of cheap, strong beers and ciders that fuel some of these problems and can cause immense harm to vulnerable people."

"Alcohol-related disorder increases

fear of crime and that creates an unpleasant environment for everyone."

Mr Singh, manager of Harpans Express, in Queens Road, who has already removed cheap high-strength alcohol, said he had not seen a dip in trade. He added: "We have seen a reduction in alcohol-fuelled anti-social behaviour in the area of our premises which has benefited both staff and customers alike."

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NEWS

TAKE-OFF: Southend Airport is to reintroduce controlled airspace in April



Go-ahead for airport's controlled airspace

THE go-ahead has been given to reintroduce controlled airspace at Southend Airport.

The Civil Aviation Authority announced the move last Wednesday which will safeguard aircraft on approach and departure from the airport and minimise environmental impacts.

The controlled airspace will come into effect from Thursday, April 2.

Southend Airport had controlled airspace up until 1993, when it was removed following a reduction in scheduled services using the airport. Temporary controlled airspace was also in operation at the airport in the summer of 2012 during the London Olympic Games.

Controlled airspace is a defined area around the airport where any aircraft must communicate with air traffic control.

Mr Ivey said: "Controlled airspace safeguards aircraft when they are approaching and departing the airport.

"Improving our efficiency by getting aircraft in and out of the airport without alterations and delays will also minimise the impact the airport

has on the local community and is better for the environment.

"Now that we have around one million passengers a year using the airport, a similar level to when controlled airspace was previously in operation.

"The re-establishment of controlled airspace around Southend Airport is timely and welcome news."

The application to introduce controlled airspace was one of the commitments the airport made to local councils and community groups as part of the airport's redevelopment after being bought by the Stobart Group in 2008.

With no controlled airspace aircraft were permitted to come within 2.5 miles and 2,000ft of the airport without having to talk to aircraft controllers, which can lead to unplanned alterations to an aircraft's track and possible delays in the arrival and departure of scheduled aircraft.

Jason Ivey, Southend Airport operation director, said safety and security were the number one priority.

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NEWS

New ship for cruise lovers

A NEW ship will operate from the London Cruise Terminal at Tilbury from March 15.

Cruise and Maritime Voyages' (CMV) Magellan will make Tilbury her home with a maiden voyage to look for the solar eclipse and the Northern Lights.

Meanwhile, CMV's popular cruise liner Marco Polo, a familiar sight at Tilbury, will celebrate her 50th Anniversary, with sailings throughout the year.

Mike Hall, head of marketing at CMV in Purfleet, said: "We have helped Tilbury re-establish itself by being the first cruise line to start regular year-round departures from the Essex port some five years ago. Our on board questionnaires clearly indicate that the convenience of departing from Tilbury is a major reason for people choosing to cruise with CMV."

"Now, the people of Essex will have two ships to choose from, the impressive and more contemporary Magellan or the elegant and ever-popular Marco Polo."

Perry Glading, chief operating officer of Forth Ports owners of London Cruise Terminal, said: "We are thrilled that Cruise and Maritime Voyages are increasing their departures from the London Cruise Terminal - Tilbury for the 2015 and 2016 cruise season. The cruise business from Tilbury is growing year on year following a significant investment programme that has rejuvenated the cruise terminal."

"CMV has helped us develop the port so passengers can enjoy an easy check-in, good transport links into the capital and south east and car parking."

Since Christmas, CMV has increased staff in Purfleet by 20 per cent. Mr Hall said: "We have been able offer exciting new career opportunities here in Essex working at our head office in the

areas of sales, marketing, customer services and finance."

Magellan carries up to 1,250 passengers and Marco Polo up to 800. The handling of this number of people doubles each day as the ships usually arrive in the morning early and depart the same day in late afternoon.

This generates work for the port and all those involved plus businesses such as taxis, shops, local attractions, and suppliers to the vessels.

Magellan next departs Tilbury on Sunday, March 15, for a 12-night cruise visiting Invergordon, Scotland; Lerwick, Shetland Islands; Reykjavik, Iceland and the Faroes.

Prices are available from £899pp for an inner cabin and £1,199pp for an ocean view.

The Marco Polo departs February 16 on a 14-night cruise in search of the Northern Lights. Expect magnificent scenery and remarkable natural surroundings. Cruise to Amsterdam then sail up the Norwegian coast and across the Arctic Circle in search of the spectacular Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. This atmospheric display of green and pink light across the sky is one of nature's wonders.

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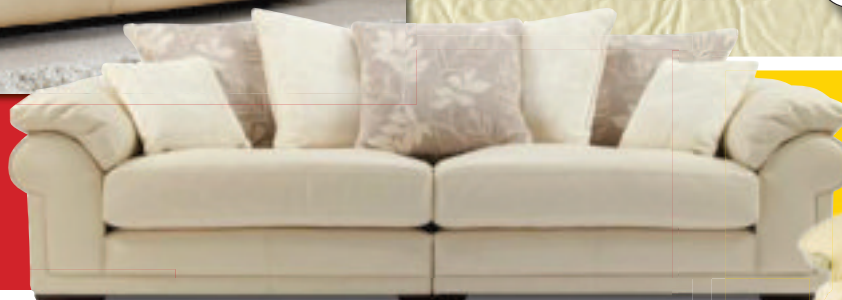


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NEWS



SURVIVOR: Leslie Kleinman

Hundreds remember victims of Holocaust

HUNDREDS of people flocked to Southend to remember victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

More than 400 people from across the Southend community joined together in remembrance at Southend Civic Centre on Tuesday, January 27, Holocaust Memorial Day.

At the start of the service, Southend-based Holocaust survivor Leslie Kleinman, lit the specially-created ceremonial candle.

Mr Kleinman, who gave a speech, was held at

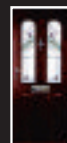
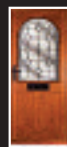
Auschwitz concentration camp and vividly described the horrific conditions that he endured there.

Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Graham Longley, said he was extremely moved to find so many people in the borough wanted to share in the event.

He said: "It made it even more special for Southend to have been chosen to host the Holocaust memorial candle, enabling us to be part of this nationwide commemoration."

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MEDALS & MILITARIA

Kent Bullion director Angie holds up a Boer War medal she has just bought for £82. She explains "we are interested in all military collectables ranging from time pieces, compasses, field gear to medals. Broad Arrow marked items are especially sought after. All items we buy go to military enthusiasts who collect items for the sake of historical interest and posterity. These are heritage items".

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Retired schoolmaster Wilf from Hadleigh agrees. He has just sold his father's battered 1940s Omega watch. "I wore it for 40 odd years, but my son isn't interested. He prefers modern styles. I like the idea of it going to someone who appreciates it for what it is".

Military watches, Longines, Rolex, Omega, Tudor, Smiths, Jaeger LeCoultre and other Swiss watches from before 1990 are Kent Bullion's true passion. They are also worth anywhere between £60 and £2,000 depending on model, condition and rarity. Kent Bullion values, buys and

offers restoration advice on these beautiful items. Pocket watches are also of interest.

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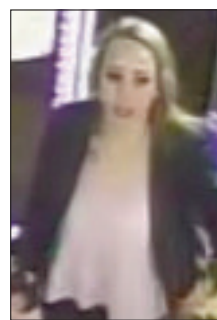
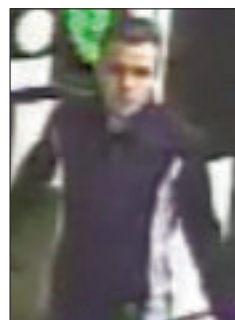
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Two could hold clues to 'nasty attack'



APPEAL: A man and a woman seen on CCTV may have witnessed a man being assaulted in Westcliff, say police

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man in his 20s was left with head injuries after being assaulted in London Road, Westcliff.

The man is now recovering at home after the attack on Sunday, January 25, at 3.45am.

A man and woman captured on CCTV footage are being urged to come forward as they may have witnessed the attack and could have information that could help the investigation. They are not being treated as suspects.

DC Mark Sawyer said: "This

was a very nasty unprovoked attack on an innocent man.

"I am appealing for these two people to come forward to assist with the investigation."

Two men from Liverpool, aged 32 and 29, and three boys from Southend, two aged 15 and the other 14, were arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm on Sunday evening. The 14-year-old boy from Southend has been bailed until March 3 and the others until March 4.

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Please call Emily at the Volunteer Centre Southend on 01702 356060 for more information.



Council and housing association tenants Are you up to date with Right to Buy?

Right to Buy is the scheme that helps eligible council and housing association tenants buy their home by offering a discount on the purchase price.

Since the scheme was refreshed in April 2012 the discounts have increased. Currently, eligible tenants can get up to 70% off the cost of their house or flat up to a maximum cash discount of £77,000 in England, and £102,700 if you live in London. Each year these discounts will increase by the rate of inflation.

Since 2012 nearly 30,000 people in England have become homeowners through the Right to Buy scheme. Could this be the right time for you - or somebody you know - to join them?

Homeownership is not the right choice for everyone and potential owners need to be sure they can afford it. But homeownership also brings many benefits such as freedom to make changes, a sense of pride and an investment for the future.

Receipts from additional Right to Buy sales go into building new affordable housing.

Who qualifies for the Right to Buy?

Tenants are likely to be eligible to buy their current home if they can answer 'yes' to the following questions:

- Are you currently a council tenant, or were you living in your home when the council transferred it to another landlord (housing association)?

- Have you been a council or housing association tenant for 5 years or more?

- Can you confirm that you do not live in sheltered housing or other housing designed for elderly or disabled people?

In addition, tenants need to be free from legal problems with debt or outstanding possession orders, and their home isn't due to be demolished.

If you don't qualify at the moment, keep an eye on news about Right to Buy as the Government is hoping to make further changes to eligibility later this year.

What to do next

If you want to find out more about buying your home and whether you are eligible for a discount through Right to Buy, have a look at our website. There is an easy-to-use calculator to help you work out if you can afford to buy and lots of practical tips about the buying process.

If you decide to go ahead you will need to fill in the application form and take the process forward with your landlord.

Support from start to finish

The Government's Right to Buy Agent service offers free and impartial advice on Right to Buy.

If you decide that home ownership is the right choice for you, the advisers will help you throughout the process from applying to completing. The advisers can provide information on finding a mortgage, appointing a solicitor and arranging a survey.

If you are midway through buying and have a problem, get in touch with the Agent service and they can advise you.

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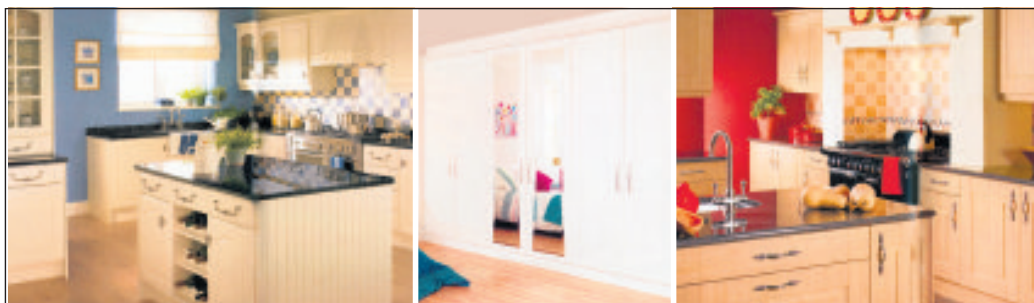
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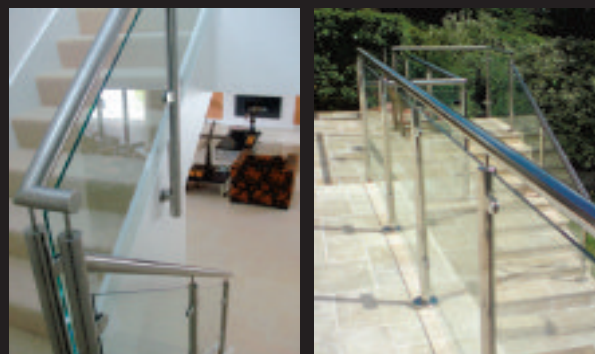
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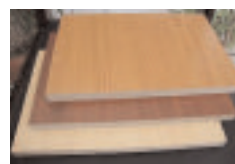
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The agent will have access to a list of would-be buyers and can advertise both in their shop window, local press and on the internet.

However, you can also do a number of things yourself to help the sale along.

First ask your estate agent if there is anything that needs to be done from the decorative or cosmetic point of view, that might help the sale.

Sometimes a small structural addition costing several hundred pounds can add a thousand or two to the value of your property.

Sometimes it's not worth spending anything – your estate agent will know.

Next be involved in the compilation of the promotional literature.

Read it carefully to make sure no feature of interest has been omitted and that all details are accurate. Arrange viewing details.

Be as flexible as possible.

You can arrange to show viewers around yourself but it may not always be possible.

To avoid losing a potential sale give your estate agent a key.

They won't give it to viewers but they will be able to show people around in your absence and with the minimum of delay.

Your home should look comfortable and attractive at all times.

The outside of your home should look neat and tidy too.

As always, first impressions count.

Do allow your agent to put up a For Sale board.

It does help to advertise the property.

Many people tour around a chosen district looking to see if there are any properties for sale that attract them.

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Power of Attorney Sale -KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING this large 3 bedroom semi detached character house situated on the sought after Highlands Estate within the Westleigh schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. The house is a little old fashioned and requires some modernisation, but is in excellent order. Two excellent size reception rooms plus a upvc double glazed conservatory, lovely 75' approx rear garden, garage. APPLICANTS ABLE TO PROCEED ONLY PLEASE

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LARGE SEAFRONT APARTMENT IN ARGYLL HOUSE £P.O.A

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Leigh-on-sea £520,000

Town & Country hold keys for showing this impressive detached four double bedroom character house offering excellent size family accommodation and situated in a highly sought after location within 1.2 miles of Leigh Station and close to the golf course, park, local shops and schools. 4 double bedrooms, en suite shower, luxury family bathroom, three reception rooms, spacious fitted kitchen plus utility room, attractive gardens and detached garage.



Warren Road, Leigh £750,000 oiro

AVAILABLE WITH IMMEDIATE VACANT POSSESSION This 5 bedroom detached family house is situated in one of Leigh-on-sea's most highly sought after roads, close to the nature reserve and woods. The property benefits from a superb south backing rear garden. Internally the property has been refurbished over the last few years and internal viewing is strongly advised. Ref Et5291.



Marine Parade, Leigh £P.O.A.

AVAILABLE SOON- Two bedroom ground floor flat with garage and parking situated in a superb location walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station. Estuary views from the front, two good size bedrooms, 24' Lounge/ Diner with Estuary view, 11'8 x 10' fitted kitchen, utility, Shower room and separate w.c. EXTREMELY RARE OPPORTUNITY !

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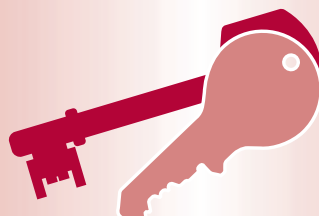


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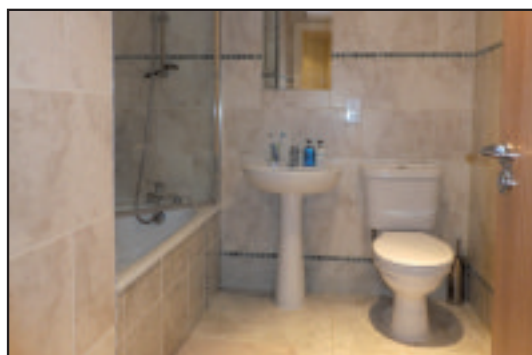
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Ask the Agent

Alan Kirkman

Q. We have found a house that we really like, but it has been fully underpinned. Is this a problem?

A. In an ideal world, it shouldn't be. After all, simple logic would suggest that a property that has been fully underpinned (assuming the work was done properly, of course) should actually be a safer bet than the one next door which hasn't! Sadly, however, that's not the way it tends to work.

One of the problems with this issue is that a lot of underpinning done in the past was only partial, or not done particularly well. As a result, there can be a genuine risk of further movement. Consequently, no-one should seriously consider buying any underpinned property without first – at a bare minimum – having a full structural survey done.

However, the real problem comes – you've guessed it – with the issue of buildings insurance.

Needless to say, while it isn't completely impossible to buy insurance for an underpinned property – at least, not as a general rule – it will almost certainly be



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quite expensive. At the same time, your choice may be limited. Thanks to an industry agreement designed to ensure continuity of cover for homes that have had to be underpinned, many companies will only insure such properties if the original claim was made under one of their own policies. Consequently, it's not very easy to shop around. Either way, however, both the premium and the excess will be considerably higher than they would otherwise be.

This need not necessarily bother you – particularly if, as you say, the property is very much to your liking, and you yourself can easily afford the cost of insurance cover. Ditto, of course, if you aren't planning to move house again any time soon. Otherwise, the risk you always run in buying a previously underpinned house is that if and when you come to sell it again, the cost of insurance will put off prospective buyers, or cause them to substantially reduce their offers.

All in all then, I would advise you to proceed very carefully. After all, notwithstanding the recovery in the market that we have seen over the last 12 months or so, things are not yet so crazy that you should feel the need to rush into anything.

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Cliff Town Conservation Area £360,000

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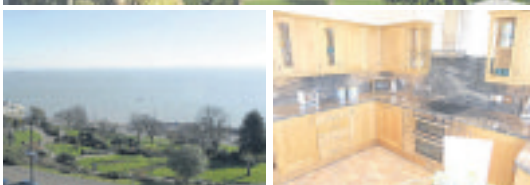
Cliff Town Conservation Area	Bathroom/wc
Victorian Town House	Versatile Kitchen/diner
Immaculately maintained	Cloakroom
Sought after location	Three bedrooms
Through lounge	South facing rear garden

Westcliff On Sea £375,000



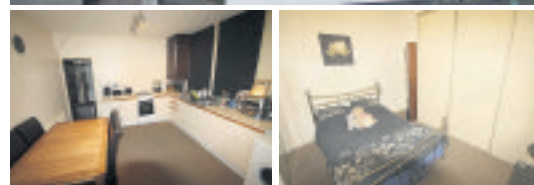
Being situated within the sought after Milton Conservation Area is this large semi detached family house benefitting from a large lounge/diner with two separate reception rooms, a ground floor bathroom and kitchen. The first floor benefits from 6 bedrooms and a bathroom with separate wc. no onward chain. Full modernisation required. Off street parking.

Westcliff On Sea £365,000



Situated within a landmark character building is this attractive duplex penthouse apartment offering two large balconies and extensive views over Cliffs. Allcoat House was extensively renovated in 2006 and all fixtures and fittings are of the highest of standards and includes two large balconies. The apartment also benefits from large garage and attractive communal gardens and impressive communal landing and stairs.

Southend On Sea O.I.E.O. £110,000



Being situated within a central location of Southend is this spacious two bedroom ground floor flat offering early vacant possession. The property benefits from full gas central heating and has the whole of the West backing rear garden. The property benefits from parking permits.

Southend On Sea £175,000



Being situated within a convenient town centre location is this purpose built ground floor apartment built in 2008 benefitting from quality fixtures and fittings throughout and having the advantage of its own private rear garden. There is an open plan lounge/kitchen overlooking the private garden and there are two double bedrooms with ensuite to main. There is a video security entry system and parking permits are available.

Southend On Sea £155,000



Being situated within a great location close to Southend Seafront and within close proximity of railway station is this immaculate modern purpose built second floor apartment offering quality fixtures and fittings throughout and benefitting from a lounge with access to own private balcony, two double bedroom main also with balcony access, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom/wc. There is allocated parking with further visitors permit parking available.

Westcliff On Sea £94,500



First floor flat situated within a central location of Westcliff. The property benefits from full double glazing and gas central heating as well as own half of rear garden, which is approached via a side access. EPC rating D

Westcliff On Sea £750 pcm



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Esplanade proposal a nasty shock

THE proposal for flats on the Esplanade site on Southend seafront on the front of last week's YA came as a nasty shock.

The massive and obtrusive buttresses on the front look more likely to protect WWII artillery than sea view balconies.

I have written to the chairman of the council's Development Control Committee to plead that he have the developers come up with something much more discreet and in keeping with Royal Terrace and the Park Inn Palace Hotel.

Cllr Ric Morgan Westcliff

Help at hand during the cold snap

WITH temperatures predicted as low as -10 C set to hit London over the next few days, people need to ensure they are prepared. If they have increased energy bills, or their property isn't equipped to cope with the cold weather, it is worth noting there is help out there.

I would urge anyone who is worried about keeping their home warm to contact the Home Heat Helpline on 0800

33 66 99, or visit www.home-heathelpline.org.uk to see how the Home Heat Helpline can offer free support, help and advice. Helpline advisors are able to put callers in touch with services such as supplier trust funds and schemes that offer financial support towards a new boiler and better insulation, as well as energy saving tips for homes.

More than 1 in 10 households in Britain are eligible for this kind of help, so they've got nothing to lose and possibly lots to gain by getting in touch.

**Lawrence Slade,
Head of Home Heat
Helpline**

What a blinking liberty!

IMMEDIATELY after concerted efforts are made to try and find a solution to help save CP's green belt, with the recent 'Blinking Owl' site proposal to build 1,000 homes, the ink isn't even dry when Mr Rogers (Head of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods) and the Castle Point planning team led by Mr Marchant seemingly shout from the rooftops that building at Blinking Owl wouldn't necessarily mean they could exclude other sites and it could mean they would end up building even more homes.

Talk about negativity, every suggestion or idea put forward in trying to save Castle Point's green belt and farming land

from being concreted over is kicked into touch before it is even seen as a positive step forward.

What exactly is the agenda of the Castle Point planning officers, whose allegedly hefty salaries are paid by the taxpayer other than come what may we will build on the green belt.

It's not blinking owl - blinking wool over people's eyes is what it actually is.

Do the residents' feelings, thoughts, well-being, safety and their voting plans for the next election actually count for anything?

Everybody thinks that eventually the good old friendly developers will get their way but their plans are being made easy by the help of the planning team.

England's green and pleasant land - one can only dream - only time will tell. Come on councillors take charge!!

**TJ Smith
South Benfleet**

Unfair on brave ebola nurse

WHILE having some sympathy with Fred Nicholson's views regarding the cost to the NHS of smokers, drug users, drinkers and participants in dangerous sports, I could not disagree more with his opinion on the medical staff who endanger their lives by helping to fight Ebola in Africa.

As it would presumably be a

waste of time to appeal to Mr Nicholson's humanity, perhaps he should take the longer view that if we do not deal with such diseases at source, it will not be long before they reach our shores and endanger our comfortable existences.

**Sue Stevens
Thorpe Bay**

● I READ Fred Nicholson's letter with a mixture of amazement and distaste, amazed that anybody would begrudge the amount of money spent treating the Scottish nurse Pauline Cafferkey, who returned from west Africa suffering from the Ebola virus.

I found his comments extremely distasteful to compare her selfless courage in volunteering to help nurse these unfortunates with people who indulge in dangerous sports to satisfy their own sense of bravado.

Are we as a nation to sit back and watch thousands die a horrible death and do nothing simply because doing so may cost a few bob?

While the rest of us may stick a quid in a charity tin and get a short-lived feeling of conscience easing, nurse Pauline went to Africa because she wanted to help others

when they needed it most.

I would rather live in a land with one Pauline Cafferkey in it than share a country with a thousand Fred Nicholsons.

**Mike Ochiltree
Benfleet**

Don't risk another great flood

I WOULD like to remind people of January 31, 1953, the floods of Essex. Also those who live along the eastern river estuaries.

On that day the Thames at Chelsea, saw water lapping the embankment before high tide. London was saved when the sea walls were breached on Canvey and flood water released into Essex when the sea breached a number of places causing havoc in its wake and the loss of life.

London is now protected by the Thames Barrier, so what protection do those who live in the Thames Estuary and the River Crouch have if there was another tidal surge?

Already in January 2014, Hullbridge River Crouch sea defences started to wash away. Work by the Environmental

agency has now been ongoing for some months to repair the damage.

Further along the river towards Battlesbridge, the blocks holding the mud embankment have started to disappear.

The Government and local district councils intend building hundreds more houses on some of these flood planes. Has enough been done to protect people and property?

It seems that only a small group of councillors have raised objections pointing out their reasons for not having this land developed as well as the poor state of repair to our defences and utilities that we heavily rely on.

**Paul White
Hullbridge**

Empty shops

THE economy is supposed to be picking up but after a visit to Southend shopping centre there seems to be more empty shops than ever.

We can see where all our money has gone though, now there is a big new Barclays Bank and the only new shop that is being fitted out is a massive new Metro Bank.

**Alan James
Hockley**

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IT'S SPRINGTIME FOR PHILL AT THE CLIFFS

By LIZ WADE

RENOWNED comedian Phill Jupitus will join Jason Manford and Louis Spence in the hilarious musical comedy, *The Producers*, at the Cliffs Pavilion this April.

Jupitus, star of TV's *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, will play Franz Liebkind in the stage production based on Mel Brooks's beloved Academy Award-winning movie, of the same name, which went on to take Broadway and the West End by storm.

Impoverished by a string of flops, New York producer Max Bialystock recruits downtrodden accountant Leo Bloom to help him pull off Broadway's greatest scam.

Together they aim to produce the worst show in history and run away to Rio with millions, but they learn that showbusiness can always find a way to kick you in the teeth.

Featuring a riotous mix of eccentric characters and classic songs, *The Producers* is one of the funniest Broadway musicals of all time.

The production, which has won a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards and three Olivier Awards, embarks on a UK tour in March, opening in Bromley, before heading to Manchester, Edinburgh and Milton Keynes, and the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, from Tuesday to Saturday, April 7 to 11.

The cast for this new tour also features comedian Jason Manford as timid account-

ant Bloom. Broadway and West End star Cory English reprises his role as Bialystock – one he played to critical acclaim in the West End – while Tiffany Graves joins the company as Ulla the object of Bloom's affections.

Comic Ross Noble and Jupitus share the role of short-fused, carrier pigeon keeping Liebkind, who is brought on board by Bialystock and Bloom to help them in their plot to put on the worst musical of all time.

Olivier Award-winning actor David Bedella plays the flamboyant director Roger De Bris chosen by Bialystock in an attempt to ensure the show is a flop.

Dancer, choreographer and television personality Louie Spence plays his equally flamboyant assistant Carmen Ghia (until May 2).

The Producers is produced by Adam Spiegel Productions which has brought together a stellar, award-winning creative team including acclaimed Top Hat director Matthew White, choreographer Lee Proud, designer Paul Farnsworth, lighting designer Paul Anderson, musical director Andrew Hilton, orchestrator Chris Walker, sound designer Gareth Owen and casting director James Orange.

Spiegel said: "The Producers is the biggest, funniest Broadway musical of all time. It's filled with fabulous costumes, glamorous dancing girls, hysterical show tunes and an incredible live band."

"With a cast of the most celebrated, well-

loved comedians in the UK today and the very best singers and dancers from London's West End this production of Mel Brooks's record breaking, award winning comedy is guaranteed to be a hilarious night out."

The cast is completed by Abigail Brodie, Jaye Elster, Rebecca Fennelly, Olivia Fines, Andrew Gordon-Watkins, Fenton Gray, Aime Hodnett, Paul Hutton, Nia Jermin, Joel Montague, Genevieve Nicole, Tosh Wanogho-Maud, Jay Webb, Russell Wilcox and Aron Wild.

If you fancy something equally hilarious, make sure you catch multi-award winning radio host, Christian O'Connell, during his first ever national comedy tour, *Breaking Dad*.

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Phill Jupitus is appearing in musical comedy *The Producers* at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend

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David Oyelowo as Martin Luther King, Jr in Selma
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SELMA (12A, 128 mins)

MORE than 45 years after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr, director Ava DuVernay honours the memory of the leader of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement with this impassioned biopic.

While there are lingering doubts about the historical accuracy of Selma, the emotional wallop the film delivers is beyond question.

In particular, the recreation of the iconic march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge chills the blood.

Oxford-born actor David Oyelowo delivers a breakout performance as the activist.

He is mesmerising and would surely have been in Oscar contention as Best Actor later this month had Paul Webb's script gifted him a few more barnstorming speeches.

DuVernay opens with a chilling act of violence that exemplifies racial tensions of the era.

In 1960s America, political bureaucracy and prejudice deny the African-American electorate the chance to vote

in the forthcoming election in which President Lyndon B Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) hopes to be returned to the White House by the people.

King Jr entreats the President to right this democratic wrong but Johnson and his adviser Lee C White (Giovanni Ribisi) don't consider voting rights to be high on their list of priorities.

So King and his team head to the community of Selma, Alabama to lead a peaceful protest march with their friends from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

The President seeks a private audience with J Edgar Hoover (Dylan Baker), the first Director of the FBI, to discuss how to remove this thorn from his side.

"We can weaken the dynamic, dismantle the family," explains Hoover, referring to tensions between King and his wife Coretta Scott King (Carmen Ejogo).

In Selma, local police under the jurisdiction of Governor George Wallace (Tim Roth) attack protesters with batons as TV cameras capture the brutality for hor-

rified viewers.

Consequently, pressure grows on Johnson to intervene while King takes temporary leave of his wife and family to spearhead a second march.

Selma skilfully ebbs and flows between events in Alabama and Washington, relentlessly cranking up the tension between figures on both sides of the debate.

Oyelowo is supported by a terrific ensemble cast including Ejogo as the dutiful wife, who stands by her man despite his dalliances away from home.

"Do you love me?" asks Coretta in one of the film's most memorable scenes. "Do you love the others?"

Roth chews scenery as the Governor who believes resistance should be met with extreme force, while Wilkinson brings a touch of desperation to the most powerful man on Capitol Hill.

King Jr had a dream and through the lens of DuVernay's film, we are reminded that we must all continue to chase it.

Released: February 6
RATING: 8/10

Stage

Radio host does stand-up

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Following two sell-out stand-up shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, as well as performing to a 500-strong crowd in London's West End, O'Connell is taking the witty brand of anecdotal comedy which has made him a British radio mainstay and bringing it to the stage.

His new show explores his experiences within the realms of parenthood, so if you've ever been a dad, had a dad, known a dad, then this is the show for you.

O'Connell is one of the country's most well-loved broadcasters with his radio shows on XFM, Radio 5 Live and his current daily breakfast show on Absolute Radio earning him a record 12 Radio Academy Awards and three Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards, including this year's Broadcaster of the Year.

However, it is not just the British public who have supported his turn to comedy, with a legion of celebrity fans the likes of Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant describing him as "always funny and charming".

His national tour, which runs from January 31 to May 16, includes appearances at Colchester Arts Centre on February 19, and Park View, Southend, on February 20.

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Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



Sights to see at Sea Life Adventure

ACUVIER's dwarf caiman, black tip reef sharks and even an albino lobster reside on the coast at Southend, under the roof of its fantastic Sea Life Adventure aquarium.

They are just some of the latest additions that now call the aquarium their home, along with a wide range of other sea life from all over the world.

There are more than 40 attractions at Sea Life Adventure, each of which are home to a variety of fish and other creatures, from just some of the 120 species of fish that have been found in the Thames Estuary, housed in its Ocean Planet attraction, to piranhas and over delights from further afield in its HMS Sub Tropical area.

It's cuvier's dwarf caiman, now named Gizmo thanks to 11-year-old Canvey Island youngster Gemma McArthur's winning suggestion, has been at the centre since November last year, after arriving as part of a swap arrangement between Crocodiles of the World in Oxfordshire, when the Sea Life Adventure's morelet's crocodile called Steak became too big for his tank. The 60 centimetre long two-year-old will eventually grow to around 1.5 metres, or just over 5ft,

when he reaches full maturity, almost as long as the centre's newest black tip reef shark is expected to reach.

After becoming too big for its tank at St Andrews Aquarium in Fife, Domino went on a 12-hour journey, also in November last year, in a special transportation pod, to join the Southend centre's other black tip reef sharks in the centre's coral-filled depths Deepwater World, which you can walk under through a viewing tunnel. While Domino is currently the baby of the bunch, at a metre-long, it is expected to double in size and reach up to 6ft.

Among the rarest and most unusual residents at the aquarium is its albino lobster, which was caught off the Dorset coast last summer, before arriving at the aquarium and being given the name of Claude White by a retired police officer from Westcliff.

The centre, which was built in the early 90s and opened as an aquarium in 1993, houses a variety of different sections including Turtle Bay where you will find its seahorses, a

Ray Bay where you will find a number of different species of ray, and Sea Cavern where you can find creatures from the depths of the sea including wolf fish and the lesser weaver fish which hides in the sand to watch for its prey.

See starfish and other creatures that reside in the rockpool, as well as displays of whale bones and shells, and take a look in Conservation Adventure, home to axolotls – salamanders that look remarkably like fish with legs – as well as the aquarium's sea nursery which looks after sick fish as well as the aquarium's babies.

If you are looking for something slippery and slimy, or creepy and crawly, then spot the reptiles and spiders in the Crawl Wall and Scale Trail sections, and don't forget to visit Gizmo in the Crocs and Frogs section and enjoy the many talks on offer in different areas of the centre throughout the day.

■ For further information about Sea Life Adventure, which is also home to the Three Shells Cafe, visit www.sealifeadventure.co.uk



JAWS: Domino the shark

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Saturday, February 7

- Quiz Night, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 7.30pm, proceeds to 2nd Thundersley Scout Group, to book call 01268 752012, £5 per head. Bring own food and drink. Eight max to a table.
- South East Essex Ramblers - visit <http://sites.google.com/site/southeastessramblers> to find out when we are walking this week.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, open to all, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Transmission Meditation Workshop - Helliwell Room, Forum Library Southend 10-11.30am admission free.
- Yugioh Club - play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club - The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for ages five 17, with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, entertainment by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class - St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
- Flamingo Fairs vintage and more fair - The Churchill Room, Wanstead Library, corner of Woodbine Place and Spratt Hall Road, 11am-4pm.

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Sunday, February 8

- The Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School - Get on Board (no charge), The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am-noon, ages three to 10. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District - Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club - TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo 07757 658799.

Monday, February 9

- Southend Stroke Club - welcome back stroke survivors, relatives and carers, St Mary's Church Hall, Hill Road, Prittlewell, 7.30-9.30pm, 01702 710714.
- Echos from Above - spiritual centre based at Ekco Sports and Social Club Thornford Gardens, SS2 6PU, 7.15pm. £3.50, all profits to charity, wards at Southend Hospital.
- Sunshine coffee morning for parents in Craylands & Felmores area - Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am. Free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or just turn up.
- Beginners dance class - usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/ 542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s: Craft: 10am-noon, tai chi: Whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, open to all, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s keep-fit classes - Fryerns Community Centre, details Pat 01268 770294.
- Over-50s session - Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge - Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge - Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop - St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group - 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners computer course - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Club 60, Southend - every weekday, 9.30-4pm, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club - Hadleigh, welcomes new members, ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls - Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls - Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
- Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners Stall - York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance - Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors open 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group - Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, February 10

- Tea dance - 1.45pm, St Cedd's church, Bridgewater Dr, Westcliff, ballroom, sequence, latin, tea and raffle 01268 770776.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, open to all, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, beginners welcome, Please bring a blanket and your yoga mat, from 16 plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class - with instruction in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/ 542349.
- Table Tennis - 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Singles Friendship club for 55s and over - South Benfleet Social Club, Maureen 01268 692998.
- Weekly Craft Group - Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players. James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
- Evening of clairvoyance - St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

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■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
■ Tea dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free. All ages welcome. 01702 205910.
■ Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh – 7.30pm, any age, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
■ The Puffers Club – exercise class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.
■ Pathfinders blind and partially sighted group – Fryers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, Yoga: 10-11am, sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: 12-1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session inc tea, joining fee £5, first session free.
■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
■ Top Cats Social Club – (Southend Mencaap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre,

Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, £1, snack and drinks provided, 01268 498642.
■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, February 11

■ Essex Handicraft Association – The Bob Ross Painting Technique, 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm, St Barnabas Church Hall, Hadleigh, 01702 479862.
■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – The Chichester, Rawreth, The Derek Nash Quintet with pianist Dave Newton, 8-10.30pm, £10 on door, 07850 607075.
■ Wickford Wildlife Society – talk by Nicola Shearer on Essex Islands, 8pm, Our Lady's RC Church Hall, 61 London Road, SS12 8AW. £2 non-members, £1 members, www.wickfordwildlife.co.uk.
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, open to all, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ TEDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts society) – The Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford 10.30am and 2.30pm, visitors £5 for info 01702 479416 or 01268 771120.
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm, new members welcome, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon – for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.
■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls – St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details contact Olive 01702 309280.
■ Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.
■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View

Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation, Honoree 01268 574390.
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, ages 45-65, 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk.
■ Social afternoon of ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob, 01702 544112.
■ Afternoon tea dance – Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), free car park, 2-4.30pm, £4, inc refreshments, strictly over-18s. 01268 752473.
■ Health walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.
■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).
■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.
■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, badminton, short mat bowls 2.40pm, £3.50 inc refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.
■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs aged five-18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.
■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, details Emily 01702 390472.
■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, behind the Church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.
■ Advanced computer course – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.
■ Duplicate Bridge – Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.
■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

Thursday, February 12

■ Brentwood Buddies – social club for ages 40-60, The Essex Arms, Warley Hill, Brentwood, 8pm. Julie 07969071392 text or phone before turning up.
■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, open to all, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ Thundersley Gardening Association –

7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, entrance £3.
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, line dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, details 01702 318121.
■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.
■ Buddies Over-50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.
■ Meeting – Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.
■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
■ Stalls in outpatients department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.
■ Tea dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.
■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.
■ Short Mat Bowls – Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, first three weeks free, 01277 625027.
■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.
■ Healing – The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, 10-11.30am, all welcome.
■ Billerica baby cafe, Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for breastfeeding mums, 12.30pm.
■ Learn to paint in watercolours in Hadleigh with tutor Trevor Shaw, call 01702 558282.

Friday, February 13

■ Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – 8pm, Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. Colin, 07446 080054.
■ Watercolour Class – 10.15 am-12.15pm, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, beginners, improvers with Leigh greetings card artist Teresa Norfolk. 01702 307173.

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Winning formula at The Palm Tree

THE Palm Tree, in Leigh Road, has garnered an enviable reputation for offering customers a fine dining experience since it opened two years ago.

The extensive a la carte menu has been impressing diners with its inviting mix of Mediterranean dishes, created using the freshest of authentic ingredients, cooked to order and served in welcoming, elegant surroundings.

Now, owner Servet Kilic, has adapted this winning formula by creating a new fixed-price menu, based around the current successful a la carte concept.

"Our customers love our menu and the dishes on it, and we will never jeopardise that," Servet said.

"We have earned a reputation for being the go-to restaurant for anyone wishing to enjoy a first-class meal by way of celebrating a special occasion, and we don't want that to change.

"However, we now want to show would-be diners that we are equally suited to providing an affordable mid-week dining option that will not compromise on the quality and taste that have made us so popular with our customers, and will still contain our trademark dishes.

"Two fixed-price menus are now available, one for lunch and one for dinner, and both will continue to feature favourite items and Palm Tree specialities, as well as some exciting new signature dishes.

Dinner guests can enjoy either a three-course meal for just £15.95 or two-course meal for £12.95, available Monday to Friday and Sundays (£23.50 and £19.50 respectively, on Saturday nights).

Both will include an extensive range of starters such as scallops au gratin and sardines in peri-peri Sauce, as well as mains including fillet of sea bass and Mediterranean lamb meatballs.

In addition, a complimentary amuse bouche appetiser (a soupcon of homemade soup, served



with bread) is included, and a good range of vegetarian dishes and desserts, designed to tempt and tantalize, is offered. One-course options and daily specials are also available.

The lunchtime fixed priced menu, meanwhile, as well as featuring similar dishes to those on the dinner menu, will provide outstanding value for money, with one-course priced as just £6.95, Monday to Saturday.

The traditional roast will continue to be served on Sundays, either as part of the set menu or as a single dish.

Servet's desire for a less formal, more laid-back approach to dining at The Palm Tree is also reflected in the newly refashioned interior,

evincing a more relaxed ambience while still retaining a warm and friendly feel, as well as the fact that The Palm Tree is now open all day, every day, from 11.30am until late.

"We really hope people like the changes we have made," Servet told us. "In essence, all we have done is continue to offer the same grade A cuisine we always have, and as found in most exclusive restaurants, but at only a fraction of the price and without the accompanying fuss and formality. Sounds like another winning formula.

For further information about The Palm Tree, at 80 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, or to make a booking, call 01702 719435 or visit www.thepalmrestaurant.co.uk.

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The Maharaja was voted best in the South East and became one of the top 10 restaurants in the UK, in the final heats of the "Oscars" of the UK curry restaurant industry.

Siraj Ali, owner of The Maharaja, said: "We are always here to ensure that our customers are given the best of everything, and their loyalty and enjoyment has seen the Maharaja rewarded for its pursuit of excellence in Indian cuisine and dining."

"We would like to say a huge thanks to our customers who have helped us reach the pinnacle of success in the industry."

The Maharaja is an Indian restaurant full of heritage, which offers unique and exotic Royal Indian cuisine in a traditional setting fit for a Maharaja.

The Ali family prides itself on providing excellence in cuisine, service and ambience for each and every diner, with authenticity and customer service at the very core.

Specialities include lobster, king prawn, salmon, trout and exotic freshwater fish from the Indian Ocean, including tilapia, while exciting new dishes include ostrich, venison, duck, whole leg of lamb and whole chicken.

The Maharaja has a wealth of offers including "eat as much as you like" buffet nights starting from just £9.95 per person and a la carte options, as well as early bird deals and healthy low fat options to suit all palates.

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on its a la carte menu for restaurant diners from Sunday to Thursday – buy one starter and main course, or main course and dessert, and receive another absolutely free.

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The restaurant is open from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to 11.30pm, from Monday to Wednesday; from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Thursday to Saturday; and from noon to 11pm on Sundays and bank Holidays.

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For those with a huge appetite to satisfy, Akropolis serves up a Greek Meze menu every day for £20.95 per person.

The menu, which introduces diners to the Cypriot way of eating, starts with tasty dips and pitta bread, and is followed by cold starters and fish dishes, Cypriot wine sausages, smoked loin of pork and grilled goat's milk cheese.

Then it is on to the meats, and even sleftico and stifado for those looking for more.

To finish you are given a taste of Greek Pastries and an array of fresh fruits.

The Akropolis Meze, available for two or more people, is ideal for parties as the menu is meant to be lingered over.

There is also a Kleftico Feast, including traditional dips and pitta bread, Kleftico, Greek Pastries and a platter of fresh fruits, for £18.95 per person.

The mouth-watering food is not the only Akropolis attraction – the restaurant also produces a good line in live music on most days through the week.

The restaurant, which can comfortably seat up to 60 people and has a well-stocked, fully licensed bar, can cater for everything from a quiet meal for two to birthday celebrations.

Akropolis will also be the perfect setting this Valentine's Day, on Saturday, February 14, for which anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

With its experienced chefs and friendly, helpful

staff, Akropolis offers a top quality, value-for-money evening out.

The restaurant, which can also satisfy any special dietary needs and offer children-friendly dishes, is open seven days a week, from 5pm to midnight from Monday to Thursday, from 5pm to 1am on Friday and Saturday, and from noon to midnight on Sunday.

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Brian Jeeves reporting from
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SOUTHEND United boss Phil Brown admitted his side had ridden their luck after Shaquille Coulthirst's late penalty settled this contest and earned the Shrimpers three priceless points against a spirited York City outfit.

Blues went into this clash in good shape following back-to-back away successes at Oxford and Portsmouth and boosted by the news that Charlton loanee Joe Pigott had agreed to extend his stay until the end of the season.

However, Southend were mindful that they had failed to find the net in each of their last three Roots Hall outings and hadn't tasted victory at home since late November.

Russ Wilcox's Minstermen arrived without a win in four and just a point above the drop zone.

On a snowy afternoon, it was the visitors who created the first opening, Josh Carson's low effort was hacked away by Ryan Leonard after Southend had failed to properly deal with a short corner routine. At the other end, Will Atkinson's centre just eluded Pigott as Southend looked for an early breakthrough.

But it was York who were looking the more likely. Blues goalkeeper Daniel Bentley had to be on his toes to thwart speculative efforts from Luke Summerfield and Emile Sinclair, while Russ Penn passed up a glorious opportunity, heading wide when it seemed easier to score.

Blues were making little headway as the visitors continued to dominate. Bentley did well to twice deny Jake Hyde, while Southend finally registered a worthy attempt when Pigott's low drive forced York keeper Bobby Olejnik into a save low to his left.

As the half drew to a close, Michael Timlin was in the right place at the right time to head Keith Lowe's goal-



GOAL:
Shaquille
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celebrates

KEEPER: Daniel Bentley pulls off a great save

Photos by Dave Montier

bound effort off the line.

Southend emerged for the second period with a flea in their ear, and immediately looked a rejuvenated unit. Olejnik did well to palm away Timlin's deflected effort, while Pigott's header was just off target.

Blues continued to press, again Olejnik earned his corn, firstly saving from the menacing Pigott and then substitute Myles Weston.

Bentley did well to field from Sinclair, but it was the home side now asking he sterner questions. Olejnik saved from Kevan Hurst, while Pigott and Shaquille Coulthirst were both just off-target as Southend turned the screw.

The game had become scrappy, with both sides surrendering possession with alarming ease, another scoreless afternoon looked on the cards.

However, with just three minutes remaining Southend were handed a glorious opportunity to end their home goal famine.

Brad Halliday's challenge on Pigott was clumsy, giving referee Dar-

ren Sheldrake little option other than to point to the spot.

Substitute Shaquille Coulthirst stepped up to confidently dispatch the resulting penalty, sending Olejnik the wrong way and Roots Hall into raptures in the process.

York rallied late on but Southend resolutely held firm to record a third successive victory, to keep the pressure on the teams occupying the automatic promotion places.

After the game a relieved Phil Brown said: "It was a relief at half-time going in at 0-0 because York showed what a decent side they are."

Brown continued: "Russ (Wilcox) has a job on his hands. He's putting enough into the game to win it and not getting what he deserves.

"We didn't deserve to win the game. It's the first time since I've been at the football club where we've played ugly and won.

"I don't know if I put them under pressure before the game, but the first half performance wasn't acceptable. The second half we got it going

a little bit, and when the subs came on they made a massive impact, none more so than Shaquille Coulthirst."

Match winner Coulthirst said: "It was a big relief. We've been doing well away from home, I thought we needed to get a win to show what we're really about."

Southend now face a huge test away to league leaders Shrewsbury Town on Saturday before returning to Roots Hall to take on Cheltenham Town on Tuesday February 10.

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White, Ben Coker, Adam Thompson, David Worrall (Kevan Hurst), Michael Timlin, Will Atkinson (Myles Weston), Ryan Leonard, Jerome Blin-nom-Williams, Jake Cassidy (Shaquille Coulthirst), Joe Pigott. Subs: Paul Smith, Jake Payne, Luke Prosser, Gary Deegan.

York City: Bobby Olejnik, John McCombe, Michael Coulson, Luke Summerfield, Russ Penn (Lewis Montrose), Josh Carson, Keith Lowe, Brad Halliday, Malvind Benning, Emile Sinclair (Wes Fletcher), Jake Hyde (Carlton Morris). Subs: Michael Ingham, Marvin McCoy, Dave Winfield, Lindon Meikle.

Referee: Darren Sheldrake

Assistants: Christopher O'Donnell and Lee Venamore

Fourth Official: Dave Bushell

Attendance: 6,126

Non-league round-up

City shoot down Hawks

Non-league round up by Brian Jeeves

THE inclement weather put pay to a number of games for the regions non-league outfits. However, there was plenty of drama in the games that survived.

In the Vanarama Conference South, Chelmsford City continued to mount a challenge towards the top end of the table. Joe Ward and Michael Cheek were on target in the Clarets latest success as Whitehawk were beaten at the Melbourne Stadium. Chelmsford also included Jack Bridge in their line-up, and the Southend United loanee produced a man of the match performance as his new charges ran out 2-1 winners in front of a health crowd of 607. City remain in seventh place the South Division, nine points behind leaders Boreham Wood.

In the Ryman Premier Division, AFC Hornchurch picked up a 2-0 victory over VCD Athletic at Bridge Avenue. Danny Johnson and George Purcell finding the net for the Urchins.

Canvey Island were in super goal scoring form as Tonbridge Angels visited the Prospects Stadium. Before the game the Yellow Army sent out a rally cry to whip up support in a bid to guide the Gulls away from the relegation zone. And the bumper attendance of 321 weren't disappointed as a hat trick from George Sykes along with goals from Enoch Showunmi and Harrison Tweddell helped Canvey to a thumping 5-2 success.

Billerica Town picked up a 1-1 draw at Bognor Regis Town, but it was a string of defeats for the regions other Premier Division teams.

East Thurrock United went down by the odd goal in five at Lewes, and there was a 2-0 setback for Grays Athletic at highflying Dulwich Hamlet. Witham Town were also on the receiving end as visitors Margate grabbed a 2-1 triumph, Ryan Moss with the decisive strike in the dying seconds.

In Ryman League One North, Shamido Pedulu, Alexander Stavrinou and Petrit Elbi found the net as Aveley edged out Cray Wanderers 3-2 and it was the same outcome at Harlow Town, where Heybridge Swifts picked up maximum points. Meanwhile Mitch Hunter was on target for Maldon & Tiptree in a 1-1 draw with Needham Market. But there was little to cheer elsewhere in the North section.

Two goals in as many minutes from Anthony Thomas and Tyler Christian-Law saw Ware snatch a 2-1 success over Great Wakering Rovers at Burroughs Park. Earlier, Jay Nash had fired the villagers ahead.

Redbridge went down to a heavy 4-1 defeat at Waltham Abbey, James Peagram and former Canvey man Jason Hallett both grabbed a brace for the winners. Brentwood Town were also on the wrong end of a 4-1 score line, with AFC Sudbury winning at the Brentwood Centre Arena.

Romford went down 2-1 at home to Soham Town Rangers, and there was a single goal defeat for Burnham Ramblers at Chatham Town.

The weather hit the Essex Senior League hard with only two games taking place. Barking secured a hard fought derby win over Clapton, Ben Turner grabbing the only goal from the penalty spot, while Tower Hamlets went down to a single James goal at home to Enfield 1893.

Big winners in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League were Rochford Town who thrashed Roydon 7-2 away in Senior Division Two.

Saxons out of sorts but rugby the loser as officials face abuse

Lydney 25 Southend Saxons 20
SAXONS started the game without both Rhys Powell and Daniel Legge, two of their major decision makers and they were both missed.

Coach Green gave a starting debut to 18 year old SEEVIC student Chris Shields, who gave a solid display at open side flanker.

The first half had the Saxons kicking with the wind and slope, but the game plan was not delivered and they put in a poor display with a late try from

Chris Vaughan putting them 15-10 down with Sam Fombo in the sin bin.

During the first 15 minutes of the second period Southend began to dominate and a try from Harry Hudson with a conversion by Brad Burr (adding to an earlier penalty and conversion) taking Saxons into the lead.

What happened next was tantamount to anarchy in a rugby ground; after a groping session between skipper Kris Chesney and the Lydney second row Charlie Daniel, the latter

was given a straight red for foul play recommended by the touch judge - a harsh decision on the Lydney player.

The reaction from the Lydney coaching staff, however was to harangue both the touch judge and referee with abusive language which continued long after the incident.

After five minutes a member of the Lydney staff was sent to the stand for verbal abuse. This encouraged the crowd to get involved and the atmosphere became very intimidating.

Lydney then scored a try that Saxons would rather forget with the Lydney scrum half running 50 metres to take a quick tap penalty. By the time the players had turned to face the threat he ran past two defenders and scored a gift which was converted.

With time running out Brad Burr slotted home a difficult kick to bring Saxons into bonus point territory.

Lydney deserved the win, but the reaction towards the officials was over an acceptable line.



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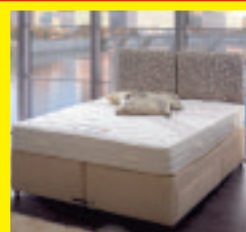
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